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a mixed electorate. I am willing to admit that the existence of separate electorates may be a definite hindrance to the proper development of free institutions in this country. The point is: Have we reached that stage when we can say, 'We will do away with that.' Every party in this House and in this country is united on this—that they desire to see in this country the development of representative institutions, not simply parliamentary institutions—which are not necessarily representative—but representative institutions, that is to say, institutions which mirror the desires and wishes of the people they represent.

"This is a practical proposition. You may say you look forward to a time when these separate electorates will be abolished, when no one will stand for a Christian Muhammadan or European or other community. We have not reached that stage. Therefore it is better for us to settle this question once and for all and discover whether this House is in favour of total electorate or separate electorate."

* Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" On a point of order. I wish to know whether the question of separate electorates *versus* joint electorate can come under discussion in the consideration of this particular amendment."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Mr. James is explaining that the intention of this amendment is to give effect to a particular idea."

* Mr. F. E. JAMES :—" The main question is that although you may have reservation of seats for representatives of those communities, are they to be representative of the wishes and desire of those people? The country wants to develop not along the line which is desired by the minorities only but on the lines which are desired by the majorities and the minorities.

"We stand for proper representation in public bodies and that is the intention behind this amendment. It is a question of separate or joint electorates, and Mr. Wood does not want this Council to be under any misapprehension in regard to this."

The Council then adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m the next day.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

[a] 1. Proceedings of the third meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 5th October 1929.

[a] 2. G.O. No. 2824 W., dated 7th October 1929, regarding reconsideration of the existing orders in the matter of the investigation and preparation of plans, estimates, etc., of Municipal Electric Supply Schemes.

3. [b] G.O. No. 1620, Development, dated 26th September 1929, publishing amendment to Rule 12 framed under section 19 (*b*) (6) of the State Aid to Industries Act.

4. [c] G.O. No. 1874, Development, dated 2nd November 1929, communicating the authorization by His Excellency the Governor of an additional expenditure of not more than Rs. 53,800 during the year 1929–30 for the purchase of sera and vaccines.

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a Placed on the table on 27th March 1929.
b Printed as Appendix VI on pages 145–146 infra.
c Printed as Appendix VII on page 146 infra.

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[a] 5. Return of officers under the Government of Madras who held permanent, temporary, acting or probationary appointments on the 1st of April of each of the years 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929.

[a] 6. G.O. No. 1306, Development, dated 31st July 1929, recording the audit report of Mount Stuart Forests for 1927–28.

[b] 7. G.O. No. 2413, Revenue, dated 15th November 1929, regarding grant of copies of survey records to ryots in zamindaris.

[a] 8. List of allowances paid by the Government to religious institutions in the Madras Presidency (vide answer to question No. 1051 answered on 28th January 1929).

[c] 9. G.O. No. 509, Development, dated 22nd March 1929, issuing orders on the recommendations of the non-official members of the Textile Conference.

[c] 10. G.O. No. 584, Law (Education), dated 25th March 1929, sanctioning revised scales of pay for the subordinate educational service.

[d] 11. List of posts on Rs. 500 per mensem and above created during the quarter ending September 1929.

[a] 12. G.O. No. 1764, Development, dated 17th October 1929, recording the audit report of the Forest Utilization Division, Madras, for the year ending 31st March 1928.

[e] 13. Copy of the draft rules which the Governor in Council proposes to make under clause (2) of section 21 of the Madras Services Commission Act, 1929.

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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[a] Printed separately.
[b] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 147 infra.
[c] Placed on the table on 27th March 1929—vide Appendix XII on pages 155–166 and XIII on pages 167–168 infra.
[d] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 148–150 infra.
[e] Printed as Appendix X on page 151 infra.